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COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZE

Will Proceed to Deal With Chinese and Japanese Immigration on Wednesday.

Messrs. R. C. Chute, K. C., of Toronto, chairman of the Royal Commission, appointed to inquire into the subject of Chinese and Japanese immigration; D. J. Munn, of New Westminster; Chris. Foley, of Rossland; J. F. Deane, secretary to the commission; and A. Crawford, stenographer, are in the city, and this morning organized upon a working basis.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday next, and will be of a preliminary character. There will probably be present the provincial secretary, representing the government; Messrs. Hayward, provincial health officer, city health officer, secretary of the board of trade, secretary of the trades and labor councils and representatives of local Japanese and Chinese.

The object of this meeting will be to outline the scope of the investigation, and set forth the various views regarding the taking of evidence. Every phase of the question will be dealt with. Secretary Deane having been indisposed during the past few months in distributing his circulars to every quarter from which information may be gleaned. It is not yet known how long the commission will sit, but as the subject is an extensive one, and will be undertaken exhaustively, a protracted session is expected.

The Elusive Gen. Dewet

Has Escaped Northward and is Making for the Vicinity of Kroonstad.

No Further News Regarding the Negotiations Between Kitchener and Botha.

Strathcona's Horse Has Been Disbanded—Order for Discharge Not Yet Received.

London, March 11.—The Times publishes the following from Aasvogelkop, dated March 9th: "Gen. Dewet has escaped northward by a forced march with four hundred men. His objective is believed to be the vicinity of Kroonstad. Four other Boer leaders are all in the southeastern part of the Orange river colony."

Now that Dewet is back in his own country it will be almost impossible to operate against him. Just as soon as he is pressed his command dissolves to meet again a few days later. Only a few bands of Boers are now left in Cape Colony.

No further news has been received concerning the negotiations between Kitchener and Botha. The Daily Express says it hears that Kitchener declared the surrender must be unconditional, while the question of the future of the Boers was referred to London.

It was asserted that Mr. Kruger, through Dr. Leyds, has sent a long telegram to Mr. Schalkburger, acting president of the South African republic, asking for details regarding the negotiations.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques says that a Mr. Maritz, who resigned a post in the United States army to join the Boer forces, was shipped for Lisbon on Sunday in the Portuguese transport Zaira, which carried 103 Boer families, after he had made an ineffectual attempt to obtain consular protection.

Non-Authentic News.

New York, March 11.—In a dispatch dated London, 4 a.m., Mr. Ford, correspondent for the New York Tribune, says:

There were many rumors in the air last night respecting the negotiations between Gen. Botha and Kitchener, but there was no authentic news. The British government has been consulted, but Sir Alfred Milner is Lord Kitchener's political adviser, and is in a position to settle the terms of amnesty and peace. The outlines of these terms, which are published, are based upon conjecture, and the statement that Gen. Botha has communicated the conditions of peace to Dewet, Steyn and other Boer leaders still in arms is incredible. A fortnight will be required before there can be a general consultation among the Boer generals, and meanwhile there will be rumors from Pretoria and Capetown.

The fact that Botha and Viljoen have been willing to discuss with Kitchener the terms of surrender offers a strong warrant for the hope that the end of hopeless conflict is in sight. But those most conversant with the character of the leaders believe that Delarey, Steyn and Dewet will offer resistance to any proposals made by their colleagues. Even those most sceptical respecting the results of Kitchener's diplomacy are convinced that the capture of Dewet would end the war, since the Transvaal Boers would then be at liberty to make the best terms possible. The reinforcements have not been stopped, and there are no signs at the war office that anybody in authority is looking for the immediate collapse of the Boer cause.

"While there is no belief among the South Africans here that the British government will agree to pay any indemnity to the burghers still under arms or prisoners of war, it is considered possible that something may be done to assist them if there is a full and unconditional surrender."

Strathcona's Horse.

Montreal, March 11.—Strathcona's Horse arrived here at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and was received by a

crowd of fifteen hundred people and a brass band, and given a warm welcome. The regiment was disbanded in the train, each man having received two months leave of absence. The men could not be discharged as no order had been issued by the Imperial authorities.

About 40 men left on the C. P. R. express this morning for the West.

Canadian Horses Wanted.

Montreal, March 11.—Archer Baker, European traffic manager of the C. P. R., cables from London to G. M. Bosworth, freight manager of that company; that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal has arranged with the Imperial government to send an officer of the war department to Canada to purchase horses in the Northwest for use in Africa. The officer, it is announced, will sail soon for this country with orders to purchase from 1,500 to 2,000 animals.

For B.P.'s Force.

Montreal, March 11.—Fifty-four men, Montreal's contribution to Baden-Powell's police force, left today on the C. P. R. express for Halifax.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER

To Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Amendments Has Been Received.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—The answer of the British government to the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty made by the senate was received today by the British ambassador, and communicated to Secretary Hay. The contents of the document have not yet been made public, but it probably reflects the earnest will of the British government to have the Nicaragua waterway international in character, instead of confined to the United States. The British answer is dignified, but is a complete rejection of the senate amendments, and it leaves upon the United States government the responsibility for any further action that may be deemed expedient.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Eight Bodies Recovered From the Ruins of a Laundry.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, March 11.—The boiler of the Dormus laundry, West Madison street, blew up shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and up to noon eight bodies had been taken from the ruins, while the list of injured will reach 25, a number of whom will die. Several others are reported missing.

Wreckage Took Fire.

Chicago, March 11.—The injured number 24, many being seriously hurt, the wreckage near the boiler took fire, and through the blinding clouds of dust and smoke that escaping steam could be seen struggling men and women, some of them half buried in wreckage, others feebly endeavoring to climb to some place of safety, while from various parts of the ruins came cries for help. The fire department soon extinguished the flames, and the work of rescue began at once. Wounded and bleeding girls were carried to nearby stores, where they received medical attention and then taken to hospitals. In two instances the bodies were so tightly mangled that a clothes basket was used to carry them out.

IMPERIAL LIMITED.

The Fast Transcontinental Trains Will Start on June 10th.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, March 11.—The official announcement is made by Passenger Traffic Manager Kerr, that the Imperial limited trains will be put into service on June 10th, starting from Montreal and Vancouver. The time between this city and the Coast will be shortened by several hours. Trains will be run in duplicate from June 10th to October 13th.

MILITARY CHANGES.

Lieut.-Col. Benson is to Go to Montreal From Victoria.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, March 11.—Military general orders made the following changes in commands in military districts. Lieut.-Col. Peters, Montreal to London, Ont.; Lieut.-Col. Holmes, London to Victoria, B. C.; and Lieut.-Col. Benson, Victoria, B. C., to Montreal.

HARRISON'S CONDITION.

(Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, March 11.—The condition of former president Benjamin Harrison is serious. Dr. Jamieson stated that the upper part of the left lung was inflamed. There is some danger of the congestion extending to the rest of the lung and to the right lung.

FOR RELIEF FUND.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 11.—The Nanaimo Miners and Mine Laborers' Association has subscribed \$800 for the Cumberland relief fund.

The Extension Miners' Union, at the first meeting yesterday since the formation of the Union, elected officers as follows: Patrick Dolan, president; Samuel Mottishaw, vice-president; George Thomson, treasurer; William Randall, secretary.

KAISER IMPROVING.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 11.—Emperor William's wound is healing, the swelling on the eyelids are subsiding, and His Majesty's general condition is satisfactory.

Far Eastern Affairs

New Japanese Battleship Ordered to Yokohama With All Possible Speed.

Gen. Tung and Prince Tuan Are Preparing to Resist the Powers.

Li Hung Chang's Physician Says His Life Hangs by a Thread.

London, March 11.—The Japanese battleship Hatsuseki, just completed in England, has been ordered to proceed hither with all possible speed, says the Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail. Other orders given to the Japanese navy indicate the seriousness with which the Japanese government views the situation in the Far East. Well informed Japanese regard Russia's act in Manchuria as a gigantic bluff, inspired by the notions that England's hands are tied in Africa, but as Germany is only half-hearted in the maintenance of Chinese integrity, a coalition with Japan is improbable, and Japan is too much embarrassed in her finances to do more than to protest and endeavor to secure compensating advantages in Corea.

Earl Li's Condition.

Pekin, March 11.—Li Hung Chang is seriously ill, and his physician says his life hangs by a thread.

Prince Ching and Earl Li seem to think that by spreading rumors of the court's unwillingness to return to Peking unless this or that thing is done, they can influence the deliberations of the ministers of the powers.

The foreign envoys will not hold a general meeting until Tuesday, owing to the absence of M. Picbon, the French ambassador, at Pao Ting Fu.

The United States signal corps will be ready to leave in a week.

Guns Captured.

Berlin, March 11.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Count von Waldersee:

"Pekin, March 10.—Col. Ledebur's column stormed a gate of the great wall 80 miles west of Pao Ting Fu, on Friday, March 8th, capturing four guns."

Will Resist Powers.

Shanghai, March 11.—Dispatches from Peking report that Gen. Ting Fu Hsiang, with 20,000 men, and Prince Tuan, with 10,000 men, are at Ning Hui prepared to resist arrest.

Russia's Threat.

London, March 11.—The Times publishes a dispatch from Shanghai, saying:

"It is reported upon trustworthy authority that Russia has notified China that unless the Manchurian convention is signed at an early named date, Russia will withdraw the convention and substitute harder terms in its place. Li Hung Chang declares he is powerless to resist, and has appealed to the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Japan to intervene in China's behalf."

Considerable Unrest.

"Considerable unrest, in consequence of extreme friction, is believed to exist between the Yang Tse viceroys and Li Hung Chang."

Many Chinese Killed.

Pekin, March 11.—Companies A and B of the Ninth United States Infantry have been notified that they are to remain in China.

The German report that at a recent engagement near Pao Ting Fu, 250 Chinese were killed and four magazine guns captured.

Despite the report that Li Hung Chang is seriously ill, and that his life hangs by a thread, his physicians say his condition would not be dangerous except for his advanced age. They are extremely hopeful of being able to bring him round.

ABOUT THE HOUSE

The private bills committee met this morning and disposed of two petitions, that of the Kamloops & Atlin Railway Company and of the Vancouver & Grand Forks Railway Company. This afternoon two bills will be reported—the Plate Glass Insurance Company and the Victoria Terminal By-law, 1900. The committee will not sit to-morrow, but will meet again on Wednesday, the 13th, at 10 a.m. when it is expected that its labors will be completed.

On Saturday evening the Victoria Medical Association met in the Drinfeld hotel and discussed with Dr. Proctor, of Kamloops, the application now being laid before the government. The association approved by resolution of the establishment of a sanitarium in the province.

The railway committee met this morning and organized, with C. E. Pooley as chairman and F. J. Fulton as secretary. The extension of time for the completion of the Midway & Penikese section of the Columbia & Western Ry. was granted, the bill being amended so as not to be construed as constituting a subsidy. The Queen Charlotte Railway bill was also before the committee.

Messrs. Scowen and Nelson are in the city for the purpose of pushing the claims of the settlers in South Vancouver and in the Pemberton Meadows for improved roads. The latter wants the Pemberton Meadows and Squamish road improved.



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We keep the largest stock of Drugs and Toilet Articles in the province. Prescriptions promptly and carefully executed.

Russians In China

Special Correspondent Says a Protectorate Has Been Established in Mongolia.

Troops Mobilizing to Put Down Khan Su Rebellion Under Prince Tuan.

Berlin, March 9.—The Tagoblat's special correspondent, who has been traveling in northern Manchuria, Mongolia and the borders of Siberia and China for a year, and whose reports hitherto have been correct without exception, has furnished his paper with a long letter, published to-day, containing interesting details regarding the Russo-Chinese agreement on the subject of Manchuria, Mongolia and Turkestan.

He says he was absolutely certain the published version of this agreement is in no way near the actual truth. He then proceeds to give facts concerning the proposed international administration in that part of China, demonstrating that Manchuria will become an integral part of Russia, more so than even Bokhara.

In regard to Mongolia, he says there is no doubt a protectorate has been established, as that is evidenced by the hoisting of Russian flags everywhere, the thorough organization of the district, and the opening of branches of Russo-Chinese banks with one but Russian officials in charge.

All of this virtually has taken place during the past six months, and began before the Boxer outbreak.

The clearest evidence, however, is contained in an army paper issued by Gen. Grodekoff, to the Siberian troops, in which the general said:

"You have nobly fulfilled your task of defending a line 1,500 kilometers long on the borders of the Russian empire, from Mongolia to Kook-Shun, and have thrown back the enemy across this threatened line."

Establishing direct communication with Dalai-lam, direct telegraphic communication now exists between Kialka and the Russians in China, even reaching Singfu, where the Chinese court has been sojourning, by way of Barkool, Khami and Nancow. Without the knowledge of either Europeans or Americans, or their Japanese allies, this correspondent says, Prince Tuan went to Khami Su, the Chinese court, in the northwest portion of the Chinese empire, residing on Mongolia, where the best troops (Chinese) are formed from the eight millions of Moslems there, which troops are firmly loyal to Prince Tuan, and refuse to serve either against the allies or for the Chinese court.

Perhaps the most important information furnished by the Tagoblat correspondent is that the Russian government have caused to be printed, distributed and posted throughout Trans-Baikala (Eastern Siberia), a decree ordering for March 13th a general mobilization of troops in Trans-Baikala, in order to redress now disturbances which have broken out in China, meaning thereby partly the Khan Su rebellion under Prince Tuan.

Operations to Cease. London, March 9.—A special from Berlin says it is understood that the Emperor has instructed the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, to order Count von Waldersee to cease further operations against the Chinese.

CYCLONE IN TEXAS. Many Persons Killed and Injured and Much Property Destroyed. Wills Point, Texas, March 9.—At 11 o'clock this morning a cyclone passed through the west side of the town, demolishing everything in its track.

Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—A heavy wind and rainstorm prevailed here to-night, and much damage was wrought. Cultivators were washed out and fences and small trees in this vicinity suffered severely. Telegraphic communication with Texas and southwestern points is interrupted. Early reports from Dallas, Texas, state that the town of Wills Point, 60 miles east of this city, was partly destroyed by a tornado late this afternoon. Five children were reported killed, and several persons were injured.

Result of Negotiations

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Boer Families Sail. Lorenzo Marques, March 9.—The Portuguese transport Zaire sailed for Lisbon to-day, having on board 108 Boer families, including those of ex-Auditor-general Maris and Commandant DeKok. Dewet May Kill Himself.

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It is now stated by Boer prisoners that Andries Wessels, who was reported to have been murdered by Dewet or on that leader's orders, is still a prisoner. His fate has all along been more uncertain than that of Morgendael, the other peace envoy.

Mr. Duk, the assistant magistrate, who was made a prisoner at Calvinia, was most brutally treated. A farmer named Vandermeer, living forty miles out, says that Duk came there with the Boers, riding barebacked and half-starved, and he had even been jabbed. Vandermeer offered £100 for Duk's release, and Brand wished to accept, but Theunis said that if he were released, he would betray their friends at his departure.

Locals who showed undue friendship for the Boers have all been marked down. The murder of Esau appears to have been the result of local spite. Esau was regarded as the leader of the colored people, and several times offered to turn them into a town guard. His fate calls for retribution. He has suffered cruel martyrdom for no worse crime than loyalty to the British. He was first flogged by the landlord, almost till his vitals were exposed, and was finally shot, after lingering for three weeks.

It is evident that Hertzog and his men are reduced to the lowest form of brigandage, refusing to fight and murdering and ill-treating civilians. The Boers were assembled, with splendid maps of the colony, showing all routes and by-ways, and where water was to be found. These maps had been printed for the Free State government before the war.

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EXCOMMUNICATED.

Russian Orthodox Church no-Longer Considers Count Leo Tolstoy a Member.

Petersburg, March 9.—The official organ of the Holy Synod to-day publishes the former excommunication of Count Tolstoy, the Russian novelist and social reformer, which was announced early in the year, as follows:

"In its solicitude for the children of the Orthodox church, to guard them from being led into corruption, and in order to save those who have gone astray, the Holy Synod has deliberated upon the anti-Christian and anti-ecclesiastical teaching of Count Leo Tolstoy, and has deemed it expedient, in order to preserve the peace of the church, to issue a circular dealing with the heresies of Count Leo Tolstoy. The circular is as follows: Count Leo Tolstoy, to the grief and horror of the whole Orthodox world, by speech and writing, unceasingly has striven to separate himself from all members, and cannot regard him as such, as long as he does not repent and does not become reconciled to the church. We therefore place on record his apostasy from the church, and pray the Lord to restore him to a comprehension of the truth. We pray Thee, therefore, O merciful God, who does not desire the death of a sinner, to hear us, have mercy on him and restore him to the Holy Church. Amen."

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Advertisement for 900 Drops Castoria, a vegetable preparation for assisting the food and regulating the stomachs and bowels of infants and children.

Advertisement for SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA, featuring a signature and the name of the manufacturer.

THE FORTHCOMING SALE.

Particulars of the Imported Pure Bred Stock to Be Sold on March 15th.

Photographs of the imported stock to be sold at New Westminster on March 15th are on view in the store of E. N. Hibben & Co., Government street.

During the trip Capt. McCaskie took up a collection for the purpose of buying a Union Jack for the industrial school at Alert Bay.

MONTHLY REPORT.

School Attendance—During February—Fair Percentage Despite Prevalence of Sickness.

During the prevalence of sickness during the past month the average attendance in the public schools, especially in the junior classes, was somewhat lower than usual, although a very respectable percentage was attained.

The separate divisions in which the average number daily present reached 90 per cent. or more of the total number present during the month are as follows:

Table showing school attendance statistics for various divisions, including High school, Boys' Central, Girls' Central, etc.

SPEECHLESS AND PARALYZED.

I had valvular disease of the heart, writes Mrs. J. M. of Troy, N. S. It was suffered terribly and was often speechless and partially paralyzed. One dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me relief and before I finished one bottle I was able to go about. Today I am a well woman.

DO CHILBLAINS BOTHER YOU?

If so, use FOOT ELM. It's soothing and prevents chafing. It makes new shoes comfortable. 25 cts., at drug stores, or postage free from STOTT & JURY, Bowmanville, Ont.

MALIGNANT GROWTHS.

Cancers, tumors, rodent ulcers, scrofula and malignant growths of all kinds, that operations and other forms of treatment aggravate, but do not cure, can often be completely and permanently cured by the medicinal treatment, which acts at the root-origins of the trouble in the blood and completely eradicates the disease from the system. Send 2 stamps to MESSRS. STOTT & JURY, Bowmanville, Ont., for full particulars.

Advertisement for E.T. Corsets, featuring an illustration of a woman in a corset and text describing the product's benefits.

VICTORIA UNDERTAKING PARLORS

90 JOHNSON STREET. F. BROOKS, MANAGER. LEARY COAL! LEARY COAL!

PRICE \$6.00 PER TON. JAMES BAKER & CO., PHONE 407, 33 BELLEVILLE ST.

NEW WESTMINSTER. Friday, 15th March, at 1.30 p.m. The following stock imported from Ontario, there is no reserve price on the stock:

CATTLE—Short-horns, 8 Bulls from 8 to 21 mos. old, 17 2-year-old heifers mostly in calf; Ayrshires, 2 choice Cows in milk.

PIGS—Berksheires, 8 young Boars, 1 young (in pig) Sows; Tanworth, 1 Boar young, 1 Sow, do.

POLTRY—150 HEAD.—Principally white and laced Wyandottes, barred and white Plymouth Rocks, light Brahmas.

CATALOGUES WILL BE MAILED. Terms: Cash, or 25 per cent. cash, remainder on endorsed note satisfactory to a bank.

FOR RENT. First-class rooms, with use of fire-proof vaults, to rent in Old Post Office building, Government street. Rooms will be cleaned to suit tenants. Apply Public Works Office, New Post Office.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR. THOMAS CATERHALL—16 Broad street. Alterations, office fittings, wharves repaired, etc. Telephone 371 B.

BRICKLAYING, Cement and Tile Work, Jobbing, Plastering and Repairs a specialty. HANNA and GRATES set. R. HODIN, 115 Fort Street.

DRESSMAKING. DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Russell has resumed business at corner Post and Vancouver streets. Orders promptly executed at moderate prices. Evening work a specialty.

ENGINEERS, FOUNDERS, ETC. MARINE IRON WORKS—Andrew Gray, Engineer, Foundry, Boiler Maker, etc. Works telephone 661, residence telephone 100.

ENGRAVERS. HALF TONS—Equal to any made anywhere. Why send to other parts of the Province when you can get your engraving in the Province? Work guaranteed; prices satisfactory. The B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., No. 20 Broad St., Victoria, B. C.

BUSINESS MEN who use printers' ink need Engraving. Nothing so effective as illustrations. Everything wanted in this line made by the B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 20 Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Catalogues a specialty.

EDUCATIONAL. EDUCATIONAL—Miss G. G. Fox has reopened her school at 36 Mason street. MISS FOX has resumed music teaching. Address 36 Mason street.

HAIRDRESSERS. MR. AND MRS. C. KOSCHE, ladies' hairdressers and wig makers; combings made up in any style; tinting, hair and mannequin wiglets. 55 Douglas street.

HOTELS. OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, corner Wharf and Johnson streets; Geo. I. Dunn, proprietor. Rates, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; special reduced rates. Bases a la carte.

LAUNDRIES. VICTORIA STEAM LAUNDRY—Charges moderate; white linen only. 112 Yates street. Telephone 172.

MESSANGER SERVICE. ANYONE requiring a messenger boy, telephone 410. B. C. District Telegraph & Delivery Co., 74 Douglas street.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS. A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters. Bell Hangers and Plasterers. Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplies at lowest prices. 112 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call 138.

SHOE REPAIRING. OLD COUNTRY BOOT STORE—41 Johnson street. Special attention given to repair work; only best material used.

SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty. Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made and carting earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street; groceries; John Cochran, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 180.

WANTED. WANTED—General servant at the Independent Orphan Home; salary \$20 per month. Apply immediately to Mrs. McArgy, at the Home.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Black Alpacas and Plymouth Rock, \$1.00 per setting. Apply T. C. Smith, Moss street, Fairfield Dairy.

FOR SALE—Cheap, 3 acres and small cottage, partly furnished; heat and boat-house; situated on corner of Shalvick and Leary. For particulars apply to A. W. Wilde, Times Office.

FOR SALE—Lots on Bellot street, \$500. LOT on Harrison street, near Yates, \$500. LOTS in West End, from \$200. ACRE LOT, Esquimaux road, \$1,200. LOTS on Ferwood road, \$500. CHOICE ACRE PROPERTY, Fourth street extension on King's road, \$1,200. HEISTERMAN & CO., 75 Government St.

Extension Dining AND Parlor Tables



A full carload of Extension and Parlor Tables just received—containing 284 tables. Extension Tables, ranging from \$7.00 to \$75.00. Parlor Tables, ranging from \$2.50 to \$20.00. Popular Styles and Finish. Best Value ever offered in Victoria.

WEILER BROS., Complete Furnishers, GOVERNMENT STREET, CORNER BROUGHTON.

Chinese Reformers

General Meeting of the Society Being Held in Victoria To-Day.

Library to Be Established Here to Cost One Thousand Dollars.

The general meeting of the Chinese Empire Reform Association is being held in the city of Victoria to-day. On Saturday evening many of the delegates arrived from the Mainland, and yesterday they were given a reception. The delegates number about twenty, representing the C. E. R. A. in Vancouver, New Westminster, Kamloops, Union, Extension, Nanaimo and Chemsaps.

The Reform Association is a growing organization, and has branches wherever the Chinese are found. To those who live outside of China and have the opportunity of seeing the advantages of progressive policies upon other nations, the association naturally appeals very strongly. The object of it is to bring about in China the adoption of a progressive policy which will be in accord with the most modern ideas of government. With such a policy adopted by the Empire the reformers believe that China would take a very important stand among the nations.

For the Emperor Dowager the reformers have little love. Her policy is antagonistic to their ideas, but they look forward with hope to the time when the Emperor Kwang Hsu shall assume power. He is, they believe, in favor of the forward policy which the reformers represent, and will surround himself with advisers chosen from the advanced party. Kang Yu Wei, the head of the reform party, who escaped the vengeance of the Emperor Dowager by means of the protection afforded him by the British gunboats, while on his visit here a few years ago established the branches of the Reform Association, which have been vigorously pushed forward ever since.

The announcement by Charlie Yip Yee, the president of the C. E. R. A. for Canada, of the setting apart of \$1,000 to be devoted to establishing a library in the rooms of the society here, shows that they have adopted the modern ideas as to the need of education. The library will be composed of translations of the modern works of writers in English, German and other tongues. It is the intention to also establish libraries at Vancouver and New Westminster.

Yesterday at 1 o'clock, a reception meeting was held in the Chinese theatre. The place was crowded, the members of the C. E. R. A. occupying the platform. The badge worn by them is a button with the picture of the Emperor and the letters C. E. R. A. Leo Falk Gay, the president of the local branch, presided, and extended a welcome to the visiting delegates. Different visitors responded to it.

The president for Canada, Charlie Yip Yee, who is Chinese, spoke first, referring to the need of education among the Chinese and announcing the decision to establish the library referred to above. He admonished his brethren to obey the Canadian laws and adopt their ideas. When the Emperor is returned to power China will adopt these modern ideas.

About 5 o'clock in the afternoon a banquet was given in their rooms on Government street, when a sumptuous dinner was provided. About one hundred attended. During the banquet a message of greeting was received from Leung-Ki-Tui, who was sent out from Macao by the association about a year ago for the purpose of awakening interest among the Chinese in Canada and the United States in the society.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Chinese theatre. Leo Falk Gay again presided, and delivered a stirring address. He said that the Russian bear was endeavoring to eat up everything. The Chinese must unite and defend the Empire. Unless the Reform Association did its duty the result will be disastrous for China, and other nations will swallow it up. He called upon them to learn of the British nation, which throw its doors open to all people and allowed them to settle in the country, adding to the nation's wealth in this way. The Reform Society must seek to reform the government. In the late war with Japan it was not because the Japanese were better soldiers than the Chinese that the former were victorious;

The Danube Returns

Another Attempt Being Made to Incorporate Dawson—Excitement Over Claims.

Valuable Discovery of Gypsum Near Juneau—Alaskan Cannery Combine.

Victoria's regular weekly steamer arrival from Skagway to reach port on Sunday was the C. E. R. A. liner Danube, which reports having had a rough passage down from the gateway city of Lynn canal. Her only overland passengers were Mrs. Peel and child, F. Lewis, J. Allan and A. Ker. All came from White Horse. The steamer called at Port Simpson on the down trip and there embarked J. B. Charleston, H. Kelley, Miss Chamberlain, W. M. Crean, J. E. Goble, N. Cuthbertson and F. Hudson. In addition to these Capt. Robertson and A. F. Barham were picked up at Union, where also the steamer called on return run. J. B. Charleston is superintendent of the construction work on the northern telegraph lines, and had been up to Simpson seeing a party off which left here in his charge a few weeks ago to complete the line between Quessell and Atlin. There are 38 miles of this line yet to be built, while it is understood a connecting wire is also to be strung along the Skeena from Port Simpson to Hazelton.

According to advices brought by the Danube, Dawson was in the throes of excitement on the 25th of last month over the discovery of gypsum deposits to be opened for reworking the following day.

The order closing the gambling houses and prohibiting the sale of liquor in theatres except at the bar has created great consternation. The date on which the order should go into effect was set by Major Wood as March 16th. Immediately on this news becoming known, the managers of the North American Trading and Transportation Company, Alaska Commercial Company, Alaska Exploration Company, Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of British North America, met and drew up a petition to Ottawa asking for the postponement of the law until June at the earliest. They gave as their reason that thousands of dollars worth of liquor would be destroyed by it least one-half of the gambling houses are closed, and the gamblers go out of business.

Another effort is being made to incorporate Dawson. By incorporation the gamblers of the town hope to secure greater liberties than they at present enjoy.

When the Danube left Skagway information came by wire of a new strike made on Seventy-Mile creek, 20 miles below Eagle, in American territory.

The Skagway Mining and Milling Co., as the company name of Des. Keller and Moore and F. P. Clark's Porcupine mining enterprise is known, were preparing to move a 50-ton outfit into the Porcupine country. The machinery includes water wheels weighing 7 tons, a 5-hp steam engine, centrifugal pumps aggregating 4 tons, besides a large quantity of pipes and plants and necessary fittings. Teams were to be sent down by the next steamer to freight the machinery into the Porcupine.

A report comes from Juneau of the consolidation of some of the largest canneries in Puget Sound and all those in Southeastern Alaska, not owned by the Pacific Steam Whaling company or the Alaska Packers' Association, with an enormous capital.

R. Onffroy, formerly president of the Pacific American Fisheries company, is now in New York, engaged in floating a salmon cannery consolidation scheme which will rival in size the combine known as the Pacific American company. The largest canneries on Puget Sound, outside of those in the Pacific American company, and all the principal establishments in Southeastern Alaska not owned by the Alaska Packers' Association, and the Pacific Coast Whaling company, will be embraced in Mr. Onffroy's new enterprise. The company, it is stated, will be capitalized at \$3,000,000.

Something new in the history of mineral finds on the Pacific coast has been discovered in Chichagof island, 60 miles west of Juneau, in the shape of a large deposit of gypsum. The find has been made by a Mr. Rinehart, of Tacoma, who made the discovery about a year ago, and in connection with the

Washington Mining & Real Estate Company of Tacoma, is making arrangements to begin development work. The interests in the property are all held by Tacoma people.

HEROIC VICTORIANS.

Lieut. Pooley and Pte. Andrews Received Honorable Mention in the Dispatches in London Gazette.

The English mail to hand contains in detail the dispatches of Lord Roberts governing the operations from his arrival at Cape Colony on January 10th, 1900 until he left the scene of war to return home. To Canadians it is especially interesting, because it records the heroism of her sons, while Victorians will note with pleasure that Lieut. Pooley and Pte. Andrews and others receive a liberal meed of praise.

The Canadian force is first noticed under the heading "Cromie's Surrender." The commander-in-chief has this to say: "At 3 a. m. on the 27th, the Royal Canadian Rifles and No. 7 Co., Royal Engineers, commanded respectively by Lieut.-Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Kincaid, supported by the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, advanced under a heavy rifle fire to within 80 yards of the enemy's defenses, and succeeded in breaching them, with the loss of two officers wounded, seven men killed and twenty-seven wounded—a gallant deed, creditable to all who took part in it."

In his opening remarks upon the conduct of the troops in general, the commander-in-chief says: "I would like here to mention the distinguished part played by the Royal Canadian Rifles in its advance on the enemy's trenches on the 27th of February, and referred to by me in my dispatch of February 28th, 1900."

Mention is made in dispatches in the London Gazette of Major S. Denton, A. D. C. of Toronto. Here is the record of another Canadian: "Capt. (Brevet-Major) and local Lieut.-Col. E. Grouard, D. S. O., R. E., director of railways, has carried out his duties in a highly creditable manner. The concentration of troops prior to my advance was carried out by him with a hitch, and he has recently performed valuable services in restoring through railway communication between the Orange Free State and Cape Colony."

Sir Chas. Warren, writing from Flanders' Put May 3rd, makes honorable mention of Lieut.-Col. Hughes and Major Ogilvie, of E. Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, and also of Capt. Mackie, of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Lieut. G. Cory, a Canadian, but now belonging to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, likewise comes in, for notice, Capt. Hensley, of the same corps and nationality as Cory, died of wounds.

Another son of Canada, Capt. E. Morris, of the Devonshire regiment, acted as adjutant of the regiment throughout the whole twelve months. Gen. Buller comments that "he has been distinguished for his power of organization, his tact and management of men in camp, and his ability and courage in the field."

Of Strathcona's Horse he says: "Lieut.-Col. Steele, commanding, has great influence with all ranks in his regiment. Having a thorough knowledge of frontier work, his services have been most valuable. Majors Jarvis and Belcher, Capt. Mackie and Lieut. Magee have done excellent service throughout, and proved themselves most useful soldiers in every duty they were called upon to perform."

Among those whose names are entered during the twelve months had performed special acts of bravery or had been selected for and had successfully carried out arduous reconnaissance or dangerous duties is mentioned Lieut. S. Pooley, late adjutant of the Fifth Regiment, C. A.

Major Mow, formerly of this station, "has commanded the brigade hospital exceedingly well," according to the same official Gazette.

Pte. Andrews, of this city, also receives honorable mention for bravery. "STRATHCONA'S RECEPTION. "Canadians Have Got London All to Themselves."

S. M. Okell is in receipt of a letter from Lieut. Wild, R. A., stationed at Windich, which gives an account of the landing of the Strathconas in London. Lieut. Wild was for many years stationed here as a warrant officer in the Royal Artillery, and on being removed to Woolwich was granted a commission. From his long residence here he takes a deep interest in anything pertaining to Canada, and was one of the first to welcome the Strathconas upon the ar-

CURIOUS FAMILY DRAMA.

Unpleasantness Between a Stepmother Leads to Litigation.

A remarkable libel action came before the eighth civil court at Paris the other day.

Several years ago a rich wine-grower, a widower, married a widow, each of the contracting parties having already a son. The man's son conceived a violent hatred against his stepmother and her son, and on his father's death he accused his stepmother and her son of poisoning the old man. They were accordingly arrested and kept in prison for two months, and their innocence was not established finally until nearly a year afterwards.

In the meantime the son of the deceased had obtained a judgment of the court to set aside all bequests made to them by his father.

The woman and her son are now suing to recover 18,000 damages for libel and false imprisonment.

When the case came on for hearing the man's son produced documents showing several important papers had disappeared. The case was adjourned for an inquiry to be made into this circumstance.

A special from Bucharest, Roumania, says: "The King, it is understood, has intimated his intention to donate the budget deficiency of 400,000 francs of his own private purse. He has already defrayed personally the cost of new batteries, comprising 100 guns."

DR WOODS' NORWAY SYRUP PINE

This season of the year when coughs and colds are so prevalent, it would be advisable to keep a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house.

It allays all inflammation and irritation of the breathing organs, and cures coughs and colds of young and old more quickly and effectually than any other remedy.

Mrs. Arthur Molarsky, White's Point, Queen's Co., N. B., writes: "In the fall of 1899, I was taken down with a severe attack of La Grippe which left me with a bad cough. I tried several remedies and could obtain no relief and was almost in despair of a cure when a friend advised me to take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I took three bottles in all and it made a complete cure."

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The Canadian force is first noticed under the heading "Cromie's Surrender." The commander-in-chief has this to say: "At 3 a. m. on the 27th, the Royal Canadian Rifles and No. 7 Co., Royal Engineers, commanded respectively by Lieut.-Col. Otter and Lieut.-Col. Kincaid, supported by the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders, advanced under a heavy rifle fire to within 80 yards of the enemy's defenses, and succeeded in breaching them, with the loss of two officers wounded, seven men killed and twenty-seven wounded—a gallant deed, creditable to all who took part in it."

In his opening remarks upon the conduct of the troops in general, the commander-in-chief says: "I would like here to mention the distinguished part played by the Royal Canadian Rifles in its advance on the enemy's trenches on the 27th of February, and referred to by me in my dispatch of February 28th, 1900."

Mention is made in dispatches in the London Gazette of Major S. Denton, A. D. C. of Toronto. Here is the record of another Canadian: "Capt. (Brevet-Major) and local Lieut.-Col. E. Grouard, D. S. O., R. E., director of railways, has carried out his duties in a highly creditable manner. The concentration of troops prior to my advance was carried out by him with a hitch, and he has recently performed valuable services in restoring through railway communication between the Orange Free State and Cape Colony."

Sir Chas. Warren, writing from Flanders' Put May 3rd, makes honorable mention of Lieut.-Col. Hughes and Major Ogilvie, of E. Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, and also of Capt. Mackie, of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Lieut. G. Cory, a Canadian, but now belonging to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, likewise comes in, for notice, Capt. Hensley, of the same corps and nationality as Cory, died of wounds.

Another son of Canada, Capt. E. Morris, of the Devonshire regiment, acted as adjutant of the regiment throughout the whole twelve months. Gen. Buller comments that "he has been distinguished for his power of organization, his tact and management of men in camp, and his ability and courage in the field."

Of Strathcona's Horse he says: "Lieut.-Col. Steele, commanding, has great influence with all ranks in his regiment. Having a thorough knowledge of frontier work, his services have been most valuable. Majors Jarvis and Belcher, Capt. Mackie and Lieut. Magee have done excellent service throughout, and proved themselves most useful soldiers in every duty they were called upon to perform."

Among those whose names are entered during the twelve months had performed special acts of bravery or had been selected for and had successfully carried out arduous reconnaissance or dangerous duties is mentioned Lieut. S. Pooley, late adjutant of the Fifth Regiment, C. A.

Major Mow, formerly of this station, "has commanded the brigade hospital exceedingly well," according to the same official Gazette.

Pte. Andrews, of this city, also receives honorable mention for bravery. "STRATHCONA'S RECEPTION. "Canadians Have Got London All to Themselves."

S. M. Okell is in receipt of a letter from Lieut. Wild, R. A., stationed at Windich, which gives an account of the landing of the Strathconas in London. Lieut. Wild was for many years stationed here as a warrant officer in the Royal Artillery, and on being removed to Woolwich was granted a commission. From his long residence here he takes a deep interest in anything pertaining to Canada, and was one of the first to welcome the Strathconas upon the ar-

Along the Waterfront.

HERE FOR RENOVATION.

Steamer Wellington, one of the five big colliers in the employ of R. Dunsmuir & Sons, is in Esquimalt, to go on the marine ways to-norrow for a cleaning and painting. It is now nine months since the Wellington was here before for a renovation, and in the interim she has been continuously going between the olden Gate and the Island colliers, the four ships with her in the business being the Willamette, Bristol, Victoria, Hayden. A similar number of steamers are also running for the New Vancouver Coal company between Nanaimo and San Francisco. Last month this fleet smashed the record of the Pacific coast in the coal carrying trade, taking from the company's mine 25,000 tons in nine days. One of the fleet, the steamship Algon, which belongs to the Pacific Mail company, is a monster collier, being the largest steamship in the coast trade. Her net tonnage is 4,985 and her gross 7,800 tons, and she is capable of carrying 11,000 tons in one cargo. The ship has only been in the coal trade for a couple of months, having been purchased by the Pacific Mail company for the China trade about a year ago.

MARINE NOTES.

G. H. Sprout, superintendent of the engineering department of the Canadian Development Company, which was recently acquired by the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, has arrived in Vancouver with the boilers and machinery of a new river steamer which he has purchased for the former company before the transfer was made. The boilers, etc., were turned out at the Prison Iron Works at Toronto.

There has been a grand reckoning up of salaries paid to harbor commissioners and pilots of San Francisco during the last year. It has been found that each of the twenty pilots for eight days' work per month received an average of \$750 per month for his services, while the commissioners drew \$263 a month for spending two hours a day at the office.

The Herald yesterday brought in a heavy cargo of freight, consisting of 150 tons dead weight of millstuffs. The consignment included 100 tons for Brackman-Ker Milling Co.

Steamer Umattila arrived from San Francisco on Sunday morning, landing here before proceeding to the Sound. It is first class and second class passenger and a large freight.

Steamer Queen City sailed for Abousett and intermediate points last evening. She carried as part cargo lumber for a new store to be built by C. C. Binn & J. Armstrong at Ucluellet.

Mr. Wallace, of Vancouver, has been appointed to superintend the construction of the hull of the new government dredge which is being built at New Westminster.

After taking the German bark Antuco from Port Angeles to the Hastings mill the tug Lorne has gone to Nanaimo to take the coal hulk Rout, Kerr to Vancouver.

Schooner Nancy Lass was towed to sea by the tug Cleave this morning, having secured a full complement of white hunters for her sealing expedition.

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A BAD MAN, JIM HILL.

Some of our ultra-loyal contemporaries are of the opinion that the great Northern bad man has invested money in the Crow's Nest coal fields. He considers their product to be the best in the West, and is desirous of consuming it in his engines, thereby adding to his own wealth and that of the stockholders of his road. It is said by the patriotic men who affect to believe that the real object of the American capitalists is to paralyze the smelter industries of British Columbia—that we should not permit these people to build a railway line into our territory; that they are foreigners, that their only object is to drain us of our wealth and ruin our prospects; that in effect anything we have to sell we should be compelled to send over the lines of the C. P. R., because if that patriotic institution observes any tendency to injure Canada in this southern flow of fuel it will sacrifice itself and refuse the business. The people of Canada have that same remedy in their own hands at all times, and they may be depended upon to see that the country does not suffer. The men interested in the industries which it is alleged will be ruined if that southern connection be built do not seem to be at all perturbed by the dreadful pictures that have been drawn by the agents of the C. P. R. They observe, doubtless, that Mr. Hill and his associates have invested a large amount of money in the Crow's Nest mines, and that that is a guarantee that nothing will be done to erode the antagonism of Canadians. The products of the coal fields will be put to uses which will secure the largest possible return to the shareholders. The larger the output the better for the people of British Columbia in every way. The government will receive more in royalties and taxation in other directions will be reduced; cities will be built up, because it will require an army of workmen to handle the coal; these workmen will need food and clothing and all that goes to make life complete; the necessities of life must for the most part be transported from other parts of the country, which will create business for the railways, including the C. P. R. In fact, the more the matter is looked into the more difficult it becomes to understand why the transcontinental railway is opposing that charter at all. When the line is open there is not the least doubt that there will be a great quickening of the business life of British Columbia, and as the C. P. R. is intimately connected with that life it cannot but partake of the general prosperity. Perhaps when it has its attention drawn to this aspect of the matter it will precipitately withdraw its opposition.

AN UNPOPULAR MEASURE.

It was not to be expected that the proposal of the government to increase the "school tax" by nearly 70 per cent. would add to its popularity in the country. Probably it expected and is ready to meet the wave of denunciation which seems to be steadily gathering force by pointing out that in all other directions feasible taxation has been added to until the only recourse left is the one which has been adopted. It may be useless to say that it is not meet in this young country that methods should be adopted which have been discarded as obsolete under what may be designated as ancient systems of government. To be in harmony with the conditions which prevail here it would surely be fitting that the burden of taxation should bear some relation to the ability of the taxed to carry the weight imposed upon them. We boast of the wealth and natural resources of our province, and yet we are the most highly taxed people on the northern half of the continent. None of the other provinces of the Dominion can compare with us in opulence; neither are any of them called upon to bear the burdens which we carry. These things being so, of what avail is all our boasted wealth? We are paying the way for our successors, it may be said. But the workingmen whose wages are carried off by the tax collector without so much as saying "bye your leave," may be expected to have very

strong opinions upon this subject. Because of our scattered population and the obligation imposed upon us to insure that our rising generation shall be in intelligence and other respects worthy of their great inheritance, our educational system has proved one of the most expensive branches of government. But other provinces have been confronted with the same difficulties and have surmounted them, besides providing institutions which have removed from parents the necessity of sending their sons and daughters from home for the "higher culture" which in some walks of life is considered essential. Perhaps the rulers of these other provinces were gifted with a prescience which was lacking in ours and for which we are paying the penalty. In any event we are now compelled to meet the conditions as we find them.

It may be that our school system is too elaborate. It is certainly not free in the sense that free is understood in other parts of Canada. Ask some parents and they will say that it is more costly when taxes are paid and all the preposterous demands of teachers for text-books and copy books and exercise books and stationery, etc., have been met than in any other country in the world. There is beyond doubt room for the reformer to exercise his talents. If the Minister of Education had abolished the direct tax altogether and inaugurated a campaign against all the excesses and unhealthful growths which have been permitted, he might have accomplished the object desired quite as effectually as by the course which he has adopted. Former Ministers of Education, although no doubt thoroughly aware of the opportunities for reform, which presented themselves in the department, lacked the courage and energy to take up the axe. Mr. Prentice seems to possess the necessary qualifications, but they have been misdirected. The proposed amendments will not do, and it appears as if it will be an evil day for the government when it insists upon forcing them through the House.

THE KOOTENAY DIRECT LINE.

Truly the men who guide the destinies of British Columbia have no sincere. The storm which is beating around them because of their educational policy is as nothing to that which will surge through the corridors of the House when the time arrives to deal with railway charters and subsidies and the foothold of the promoter and the soft tread of the "diplomat" is heard in the lobbies. Apparently the people have made up their minds that Mackenzie & Mann should be entrusted with the task of building and operating the short line to Kootenay. Like their fellow-sufferers in Manitoba, they think competition is healthy despite the assertions that it commonly leads to combinations rather than lower rates. Although Vancouver is the home of the C. P. R., the people there have no hesitation in lifting up their voices and crying aloud to the government that they desire competition and relief from monopoly. Notwithstanding that Victoria has nothing in particular to think of the great Canadian railway corporation for, it has been loyal to it because it is of our own country, and an institution, all things considered, to be proud of. But it does ask a little too much when it undertakes to say that this province shall be preserved for it exclusively because the designs of foreign corporations are evil and sinister, and Mackenzie & Mann have not the wherewithal to carry out their undertakings. The organs of the C. P. R. do not say in an abrupt way that it is the duty of the government to place this important undertaking in the hands of Sir William Van Horne; all they ask is that it shall be given to the parties known to be in a position to construct and operate the lines successfully. As far as that argument is concerned, both companies are upon an equality. In that respect the interests of the province are safe. The point is to make the best possible bargain for the people and to secure the thorough conservation of their interests. These things accomplished, and we believe it to be a matter of indifference which of the applicants proves successful, excepting, of course, that the absence of competition might have a tendency to create misgivings. It does not matter one jot whether the C. P. R. or Mackenzie & Mann secure the right to build that road and to possess the subsidies which go with it. The dominant idea of both companies is to make money for their shareholders. They propose to take their dividends out of the wealth of British Columbia, and they must have fairly large ones in sight to judge by the eagerness with which they are grasping at the opportunity. It may be that it would pay either one of them to build that line without any subsidy at all; or if that would be too much to expect in this land where nothing of the kind can be accomplished without large gifts from the public treasury, it might be a good plan to give the plan to the corporation which would be content with the Dominion subsidy alone, or with a much smaller one than usual from the province. It grieves us to say there is little hope that any of these wise suggestions will be accepted. It is said that the "encouragement" has already been decided upon, and also the company to which it is to be given, and that it will require a very strong display of public opposition indeed to upset the present arrangement.

The following appeared in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on the day Senator Morgan, the orator from Alabama, set

the knees of all Britons a-trembling: "The United States Senate is the greatest legislative body in the world. Its temper is judicial, its methods tend to calm and dispassionate investigation, its judgments, though far from infallible, are sober and sincere." The last clause but one in the foregoing paragraph spoils it entirely. There is no necessity for qualifying anything that may be said of "the greatest legislative body in the world."

The company that is applying for permission to build a railway from the south to connect with the Crow's Nest coal fields made a mistake in not asking for a subsidy. We are not accustomed to that sort of thing here. The usual way is to ask the country for enough to build the road, when the company engineering the deal will have the kindness to operate it, perhaps. No truly loyal Canadian corporation would make such a mistake as that. No wonder it is considered the company must have a good thing in sight and that the proper move is to oppose it.

St. John Telegraph: One more bubble burst. The Conservative party has thrown aside its teachings of practical patriotism, and is getting back to the doctrine of 1878, that if trade barriers between the motherland and Canada are hurtful to British connection, then so much the worse for British connection.

The News-Advertiser probably expresses the sentiments of Mr. Cotton when it says of the \$2 increase in the school tax: "The proposal is bad finance, unsound in principle and politically indefensible."

Personal.

There were in this city a tripartite of Ashcroft gentlemen, who while on their present pilgrimage, are making their headquarters at Steve Jones's caravansary on Yates street. These gentlemen are J. Weyman, C. H. Doxat and Dr. Reynolds. A group of interest surrounds all three, one being a hotel man, another a capitalist, and the third a substantial representative of the fourth estate. Mr. Weyman is the proprietor of the Ashcroft hotel, and is congratulating himself that he has struck this city when "it is basking in the sunlight under Italian skies." To a Times scribbler this morning Mr. Weyman could give no startling information, nothing new having developed in mining or other matters in his district. He is ready, however, to voice the general need of a railroad from Ashcroft to Quesnel, for, being a shrewd go-ahead business man, he knows that such an institution would redound considerably to his own benefit, as well as to that of the country at large. Dr. Reynolds, the popular proprietor of the Ashcroft Journal, is another of the party. He is in the city on private business. The doctor was here about a month ago as one of a delegation arguing upon the government's necessity for railroad communication of Ashcroft and Quesnel. This stretch would be about three hundred miles in length and would open up a country of incalculable wealth. An eventually would also be the extension of the line to the Atlin country, and draw either two great portions of the richest province of the seven, or a considerable area of rich mining. Dr. Reynolds could give little that was new, unless it was that the field draught elevator of the Cariboo Gold Fields was not giving satisfaction, and that the Cariboo Hydraulic Company intended to exploit their resources more extensively during the coming year than ever before.

C. H. Doxat, also of Ashcroft, completed the trio. It is interesting to note that Mr. Doxat's brother, Lieut. A. C. Doxat, of the Imperial Yeomanry, was recently awarded the Victoria Cross, having earned this coveted distinction by his heroism in a scouting party last fall. Unfortunately, the gallant officer is now ill at home, but with energetic forces—Mr. Doxat has just returned from Toronto, and is in the city on private business.

W. Boulton, a carpenter, is in the city a guest at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Boulton will leave on Thursday next for the North, as far as Ketchikan, where he will spend the summer in connection with one of the canneries of that district. He stated that in his opinion the traps as set on the American side resulted in a great deal of unnecessary waste of salmon. He said that it was almost an impossibility for the salmon to escape when the traps were used, while with the nets a good many got away. The fishing industry of Ketchikan is of no mean importance, according to Mr. Boulton. Seven canneries operated last year, making an aggregate output of 220,791 cases, equivalent to 11,029,968 pounds. This season it is expected that the number of canneries will be increased by the erection of others at North Saanich, Union Bay, Tolstoi and at New Bay. It is also expected that the one at Loring will be entirely rebuilt and its capacity increased to 100,000 cases per season.

J. M. J. Cane, advance agent for Al. G. Field's ministry, is registered at the Dominion. This aggregation of born-of-the-artists represented by Mr. Cane will not show here for several weeks yet, but, as he put it, "he believes in beating up the field well in advance." Mr. Cane belongs to that rapidly increasing phalanx who have forsaken the newspaper line for the glamor and transient joys of the advance man's life. He says he was a member of the staff of the San Francisco Examiner when young Mr. Hearst was developing his proclivities for sensationalism. Mr. Cane found the strain too great, and when journalism lost an energetic adherent, the pursuit of the theatrical avant-courier gained an ardent votary.

Harold Toddhunter, Vancouver, and M. Warren and E. E. Werner, commercial men, of San Francisco and Berlin, Ont., respectively, are guests at the Victoria. At the same house are also staying Miss A. Walker, of Vancouver, and Thomas Wm. Murr, of New York, who intend spending a few days in the city, "taking in" the many beauty spots of the capital.

"Business is much better now than it was a year ago," said S. S. Arnold, a representative of Dunn & Co., Hamilton, at the Victoria this morning. "I found the improvement general from the Atlantic to

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the Pacific, and Winnipeg and in the Coast cities in particular. Rossland and Nelson were perhaps not so brisk as I expected to find these cities, but on the whole a wave of prosperity seems to have swept the entire country." Mr. Arnold is in the spice business, and what he has to say regarding good times is confirmed by his son, who is also at the Victoria, representing the same firm, only in a different line of goods. The latter is receiving orders for wines, vinegars, etc., his wares being principally of German manufacture.

T. Smith and D. Shut, two mining men, of Nelson, arrived in the city this evening, and are guests at the Queen's hotel. In an interview with a representative of the Times this morning they stated that business was in a very flourishing condition. Mr. Smith said that the mines were not yet working full blast on account of the frost and the insufficient supply of water. The force of men working on the various mines had been cut down somewhat in every case, but on the opening of spring the mines would take on their full force and work commence in earnest. They said that some of the best mines of that district had closed down on account of their American customers refusing to purchase any more ore on the ground that they were already over stocked. A great deal of developing was being done and mines were opening up every day. "The city," said Mr. Smith, "although as pretty a town as anyone would wish, will be greatly improved when the new post office, which is to be erected at a cost of \$75,000, has been built, and when the city has secured a new electric light plant, which it is at present trying to do." Mr. Smith stated that just as soon as the frost had disappeared a wagon road was to be built from Nelson to the May and Jende mines, a distance of about 12 miles, at a cost of \$15,000. Mr. Smith has been all through the Boundary country, and according to him, it has a great future ahead of it. He said that that district had not even been thoroughly developed, and in the course of a few years an enormous amount of ore would undoubtedly be taken out. The proposed wagon road through the Lardo country from Kaslo to Crow's Nest was the principal topic of conversation when he left the district, and it is the almost unanimous opinion that it will be a big step towards the opening up of the country. The residents of Kaslo are at present greatly agitated over the proposal of an American corporation to erect a smelter in that city. Of course they do not want an American company to get them a town site, as well as the bonus they want, if it is possible, however, that they may go back on their decision, said Mr. Smith, if nothing else turns up. If a smelter was erected in that city, according to Mr. Smith, it would be a great impetus to the business of the district. Most of the mines of Kaslo, as well as Kaslo itself, would use the smelter, thus avoiding shipping the ore the distance which is necessary at present.

Capt. J. B. Scruburn, who will superintend the reconstruction at White Horse of the vessels recently acquired by the White

Pass & Yukon railway, arrived in the city yesterday from Seattle, where he has been on business in connection with the White Pass & Yukon railway. The exact date of his leaving for the North has not as yet been decided.

E. J. Conway, telegraph operator at Chemalux, who, with Charles Erb, has been spending a vacation at Portland, has returned to the city, and is making his temporary home at the Victoria.

Joe Martin, J. F. Garden, J. C. Brown, H. B. Gilmore, J. Oliver and T. Kidd form a company of Mainland legislators who arrived on Sunday evening's Charmer from Vancouver.

W. R. Lord, a Northern canneryman, and one of the many cannerymen now here for the purpose of attending a meeting of the association, is at the Victoria.

Judges Walkem and Drake, and W. H. Ellis were among the home coming Victorians from the provincial Mainland, by Sunday's Charmer.

John Peck, provincial border inspector, is in the city completing his regular report for the government. He is staying at the Victoria.

A. C. Flumerfelt, Gideon Hicks and F. H. Worlock were among the passengers on the Charmer from Vancouver on Saturday night.

S. A. Brinker, United States customs inspector, arrived in the city yesterday morning to meet the Umatilla from San Francisco.

Mrs. W. Chambers was a passenger from the Sound on the Selkome on Saturday afternoon.

Thomas Pitt and bride, of Dunsmuir, went to Seattle on the steamer Rosalie last night.

Mrs. Cochran returned from the Mainland on the Charmer on Saturday evening. Dr. Fagan and wife came down from Vancouver on Sunday.

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Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity - Light to moderate winds, generally fair weather, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland - Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

Reports. Victoria - Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair.

New Westminster - Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 0; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops - Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, fair.

Barkerville - Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

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The Local Council of Women are holding a meeting in the city hall this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A meeting of those interested in the organization of a Poultry Association will be held in the committee rooms, city hall, on Tuesday, March 12th, at 8 p.m.

The first consignment of a number of the most modern carriages was received on Saturday by the Victoria Transfer Company. They were purchased from E. M. Miller & Co., of Quincy, Ills.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. A paper will be read by Canon Beaudouin on "The Continuity of the Germylans," illustrated by drawings and diagrams.

A full parade of Nos. 5 and 6 companies, Fifth Regiment, is requested this evening, when Lieut.-Col. Gregory will be in charge, for fort manning drill. The colonel will likewise take over the parade of Nos. 3 and 4 companies on Wednesday night for similar drill, when every man is expected to turn out.

The seismograph at the Victoria meteorological office recorded the earthquake shocks which occurred at Paso Robles, Cal., at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 3rd. The shocks were recorded at 11:50 p.m. and the instrument vibrated half an inch. Another series of shocks were recorded at 2:55 a.m. on Tuesday last. Where the latter originated is not known.

At Dunceon on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Schletter united in marriage Miss Alice Grassie, daughter of Robert Grassie, and Thomas Pitt, the ceremony being conducted at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Minnie Grassie acted as bridesmaid and Hubert Keast supported the bridegroom. A large number of handsome and useful presents attested the popularity of both bride and bridegroom.

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Eminent Journalist

Lascelles Carr, Proprietor of Many Newspapers, is Visiting the City.

His Views on Great Questions of the Day - Leaves Tomorrow Morning.

During the past two or three days this city has had a visitor a gentleman who may be considered one of the most notable figures in the field of journalism. This is Mr. Carr, proprietor of a number of large publications in the United Kingdom, of whose career an interesting sketch appeared in these columns several days ago.

Mr. Carr is the editor of the Western Mail, a large and influential daily published at Cardiff, Wales; in connection with this publication is issued the Evening Express and the Weekly Mail, while a Sunday paper, the News of the World, of which he is chairman, has a circulation of between 300,000 and 400,000, the third largest circulation of any Sunday newspaper in the world. He is also chairman of the Linotype-Users Association of Great Britain.

His visit to Canada is purely for observation, but it is quite certain that readers of any of Mr. Carr's dailies will diligently watch their columns when their chief returns, to gain an idea of his impressions of the great land of which Canadians are justly proud.

Realizing the importance of a visit of so prominent a publisher, the government was disposed to contribute to his convenience and comfort while he was on tour, and a private car was placed at his disposal. Mr. J. G. Turfitt, Dominion land commissioner at Ottawa, is accompanying him. With Mr. Carr is W. L. Griffith, the Canadian agent for Wales.

The party arrived on Saturday night, and will leave tomorrow morning, being due at Ottawa to attend a banquet of the press gallery journalists to be held there on the 25th. On the way east the party will tour the Boundary country and the Kootenays.

An experience of thirty-five years in the journalistic field has given Mr. Carr a singular grasp of the questions of the day, and that grasp is of an essential to success. He is of medium height, of stout frame and is evidently a steady thinker, and would be a formidable antagonist to "run up against" in a controversy. That he would be a kindly foe with the pen may be perfectly assured, for his affable and courteous manner are such as to place even a tax collector at his ease.

To a Times representative this morning Mr. Carr generously devoted some of his time to an interview. He spoke glowingly of Victoria at the outset, and his sincere eulogium was such as to stir the pride that many Victorians may have allowed to become latent. He pointed out that Victoria had the climate of Devonshire, and a situation unsurpassed. "That this city may well be called 'the city of homes' is the impression of the veteran journalist, and two or three other cities of Victoria would make the fortune of any place on the coast of England. He had often heard from English people of the delightful features here, and from what he had seen they had not exaggerated its charms.

Of Canada as a whole, it was impossible to form any estimate. The development from ocean to ocean was so varied; the country was so immense and its potentialities so diversified that one's powers were of a panoramic character, and difficult to adequately describe. Mr. Carr was at Capetown when the Canadian contingent arrived, and the scenes of welcome there he characterized as wildly enthusiastic. At that time there was a feeling of gloom there, consequent on the reverses to British arms, and the people feared lest Cape Colony and Natal would be over-run by the invader. Consequently the coming of the colonials and other troops was welcomed with delight.

Mr. Carr's visit to South Africa was for the purpose of organizing the cable service for all the great provincial papers in the United Kingdom. The arrangements that he made with the managing editor of the Daily Telegraph, from whom the service was taken over, were such that the service for simultaneous publication, for payment of the cost of cable, The Daily Telegraph was to pay the cost of sending the war correspondents and their maintenance in the field. Among the correspondents was Bennett Brugh.

The syndicate of papers which Mr. Carr formed, paid the Daily Telegraph £20,000 for the ten contributing papers. This stroke shows of what material Mr. Carr as a journalist force is constituted. The war increased the circulation of his papers about fifty per cent, which fell off about one-half, so that there is still a permanent increase of twenty-five per cent. The war also created a new set of readers. At the same time it checked revenue to a considerable extent as many companies withdrew their advertisements and prospectuses. These were the paper manufacturers advanced the price of paper fifty per cent, charging three cents per pound as against two cents, the former price.

Mr. Carr is a staunch upholder of free trade principles. He cannot see that the preferential tariff is a very beneficial institution. It is, he states, merely an evidence of the affection of Canada for the Mother Country. He points out that Britain has one fixed policy—that is to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest. That country is richer, according to Mr. Carr, which can secure most for its goods than that which makes its inhabitants consume the most costly. The great political danger menacing Canada, Mr. Carr contends, is the growth of protection. It is as Shakespeare says: "An appetite that grows on that on which it feeds."

As soon as the manufacturer gets a taste of protection, he wants more. He wants no protection that does not protect him. He considers it fatuity to protect the manufacturer at the sacrifice of the great agriculturing element. Asked regarding the reported proposed imposition of duty on beet sugar coming into England, Mr. Carr scents the danger. Incidentally he gives the Associated Press cable service a hard knock. He says that this cable system is so-called to the country, inasmuch as Canadian dependence must be placed on American sources for news, which is at times tainted with American politics. In fact such a state of affairs was not creditable to Canada. At the same time he realizes that the population of the Dominion is large enough to stand the expense of a cable system, but he considered that the government might undertake the cost, which would probably not amount to more than fifty pounds per day. "This matter is important," remarked Mr. Carr, "and the government by so doing would accomplish much to strengthen the ties between England and Canada than preferential trade."

Reverting to the beet sugar duty proposition, Mr. Carr gave his out-and-out opinion, that there was no truth in the report. In fact he was perfectly certain that the government would not remain in force a fortnight. If they proposed legislation inimical to the people, for the benefit of the manufacturers, if anything of the kind was proposed, it would more probably be a tax on all sorts of sugar indiscriminately. As he pointed out before, England must not resent any nation's ability to turn out goods at more reasonable prices than she can herself.

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